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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, CCD
SUBJECT: CCD: FUTURE OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP IN
THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD)

REF: GENEVA 6702

1. DURING JULY 11 MEETING OF THE CCD WESTERN GROUP
(CANADA, FRG, ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, UK, AND US),
DUTCH ALTERNATE REP (MEERBURG) RAISED A QUESTION RELATING
TO THE FUTURE OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF SEISMIC EXPERTS
(WHICH IS TO HOLD ITS NEXT SESSION DURING THE WEEK OF JULY
24) ONCE THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD) CONVENED WITH
THE PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE. MEERBURG ASKED IF THE AD HOC
GROUP, WHICH WAS REMANDATED BY THE CCD DURING THE 1978
SPRING SESSION TO CONTINUE WDRK ON AN INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC
DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM (REFTEL), WOULD CONTINUE ITS WORK
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CD. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR
CONCERN THAT FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN THE CD MIGHT POSE
PROBLEMS FOR THE FUTURE WORK OF THE GROUP, CONSIDERING
THE FRENCH POSITION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN ISSUE.

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2. UK REP (ASHE) STATED THAT THE UK UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL
WORKING GROUPS, EXPERTS GROUPS, STUDIES, ETC. OF THE CCD
WOULD BE "INHERITED" BY THE CD. HE POINTED OUT THAT ANY
ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE NEW MEMBERS IN THE CD TO
DISSOLVE ANY OF THE "INHERITED" WORKING GROUPS WAS APT TO
BE STRONGLY OPPOSED BY THE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CCD, WHO
WOULD HAVE THE STRENGTH OF NUMBERS ON THEIR SIDE, THUS

REDUCING THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH AN ACTION. REGARDING THE FRENCH PROBLEM, HE POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE THE UK DID NOT BELIEVE THE FRENCH WOULD OBSTRUCT THE WORK OF THE EXPERTS GROUP, IT WOULD BE WISER TO ASCERTAIN FRENCH INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD BEFORE TAKING ANY CCD ACTION ON THE MATTER, RATHER THAN RELY ON SPECULATION AND INTERPRETATION OF FRENCH MOTIVES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST WASHINGTON VIEWS ON THE MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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